INSTALLATION (CHUTE FORMATION)

- 1. REFER TO APPROVED PLANS FOR LOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS. IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS WITH THE LOCATION OR METHOD OF INSTALLATION, CONTACT THE ENGINEER OR RESPONSIBLE ON-SITE OFFICER FOR ASSISTANCE.
- 2. ENSURE ALL NECESSARY SOIL TESTING (e.g. SOIL pH, NUTRIENT LEVELS) AND ANALYSIS HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND REQUIRED SOIL ADJUSTMENTS PERFORMED PRIOR TO PLANTING.
- 3. CLEAR THE LOCATION FOR THE CHUTE CLEARING ONLY WHAT IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT FOR INSTALLATION.
- 4. REMOVE ROOTS, STUMPS, AND OTHER DEBRIS AND DISPOSE OF THEM PROPERLY.
- 5. CONSTRUCT THE SUBGRADE TO THE ELEVATIONS SHOWN ON THE PLANS. REMOVE ALL UNSUITABLE MATERIAL AND REPLACE WITH STABLE MATERIAL TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED FOUNDATIONS.
- 6. IF THE CHUTE IS TEMPORARY, THEN COMPACT THE SUBGRADE TO A FIRM CONSISTENCY. IF THE CHUTE IS INTENDED TO BE PERMANENT, THEN COMPACT AND FINISH THE SUBGRADE AS SPECIFIED WITHIN THE DESIGN PLANS.
- 7. AVOID COMPACTING THE SUBGRADE TO A CONDITION THAT WOULD PREVENT THE TURF FROM BONDING WITH THE SUBGRADE.
- 8. ENSURE THE SIDES OF THE CHUTE ARE NO STEEPER THAN A 1.5:1 (H:V) SLOPE.
- 9. ENSURE THE COMPLETED CHUTE HAS SUFFICIENT DEEP ALONG ITS FULL LENGTH.
- 10. ENSURE THE CHUTE IS STRAIGHT FROM ITS CREST TO THE TOE OF THE CHUTE.
- 11. ON FILL SLOPES, ENSURE THAT THE SOIL IS ADEQUATELY COMPACTED FOR A WIDTH OF AT LEAST 1m EACH SIDE OF THE CHUTE TO

- MINIMISE THE RISK OF SOIL EROSION, OTHERWISE PROTECT THE SOIL WITH SUITABLE SCOUR PROTECTION MEASURES SUCH AS TURF OR EROSION CONTROL MATS.
- 12. PLACE AND SECURE THE TURF AS DIRECTED.
- 13. INSTALL AN APPROPRIATE OUTLET STRUCTURE (ENERGY DISSIPATER) AT THE BASE OF THE CHUTE (REFER TO SEPARATE SPECIFICATIONS).
- 14. ENSURE WATER LEAVING THE CHUTE AND THE OUTLET STRUCTURE WILL FLOW FREELY WITHOUT CAUSING UNDESIRABLE PONDING OR SCOUR.
- 15. APPROPRIATELY STABILISE ALL DISTURBED AREAS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONSTRUCTION.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS WHEN LAYING TURF WITHIN A CHUTE:

- 1. TURF SHOULD BE USED WITHIN 12-HOURS OF DELIVERY, OTHERWISE ENSURE THE TURF IS STORED IN CONDITIONS APPROPRIATE FOR THE WEATHER CONDITIONS.
- 2. MOISTENING THE TURF AFTER IT IS UNROLLED WILL HELP MAINTAIN ITS VIABILITY.
- 3. TURF SHOULD BE LAID ON A MINIMUM 75mm BED OF ADEQUATELY FERTILISED TOPSOIL. RAKE THE SOIL SURFACE TO BREAK THE CRUST JUST BEFORE LAYING THE TURF.
- 4. DURING THE WARMER MONTHS, LIGHTLY IRRIGATE THE SOIL IMMEDIATELY BEFORE LAYING THE TURF.
- 5. ENSURE THE TURF IS NOT LAID ON GRAVEL, HEAVILY COMPACTED SOILS, OR SOILS THAT HAVE BEEN RECENTLY TREATED WITH HERBICIDES.
- 6. LAY THE FIRST ROW OF TURF IN A STRAIGHT LINE DIAGONAL TO THE DIRECTION OF FLOW. STAGGER SUBSEQUENT ROWS IN A BRICK-LIKE (STRETCHER BOND) PATTERN. THE TURF SHOULD NOT BE STRETCHED OR OVERLAPPED. USE A KNIFE OR SHARP SPADE

TO TRIM AND FIT IRREGULARLY SHAPED AREAS.

- 7. ENSURE THE TURF EXTENDS UP THE SIDES OF THE CHANNEL AT LEAST 100mm ABOVE THE ELEVATION OF THE CHANNEL BED, OR AT LEAST TO A SUFFICIENT ELEVATION TO FULLY CONTAIN THE EXPECTED CHANNEL FLOW THAT IS CONSIDERED LIKELY TO OCCUR WITHIN THE FIRST MONTH AFTER PLACEMENT.
- 8. ON CHUTE GRADIENTS OF 3:1(H:V) OR STEEPER, OR WHEREVER EROSION MAY BE A PROBLEM, OR IN SITUATIONS WHERE HIGH FLOW VELOCITIES (i.e. VELOCITY >1.5m/s) ARE LIKELY WITHIN THE FIRST 2-WEEKS FOLLOWING PLACEMENT, SECURE THE INDIVIDUAL TURF STRIPS WITH WOODEN OR PLASTIC PEGS.
- 9. ENSURE THAT INTIMATE CONTACT IS ACHIEVED AND MAINTAINED BETWEEN THE TURF AND THE SOIL SUCH THAT SEEPAGE FLOW BENEATH THE TURF IS AVOIDED.
- 10. WHERE PRACTICABLE, ONCE FIXED IN PLACE, THE TURF SHOULD BE ROLLED WITH A ROLLER WEIGHING 60 TO 90kg/m WIDTH, THEN WATERED.
- 11. AFTER ROLLING, LIGHTLY SPREAD SCREENED TOPSOIL TO REPLACE TOPSOIL LOST FROM THE TURF AND TO FILL ANY GAPS BETWEEN THE ROWS.
- 12. WATER UNTIL THE SOIL IS WET 100mm
 BELOW THE TURF. THEREAFTER, WATERING
 SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN AND
 PROMOTE HEALTHY GROWTH.

MAINTENANCE

1. DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, INSPECT ALL CHUTES PRIOR TO FORECAST RAINFALL, DAILY DURING EXTENDED PERIODS OF RAINFALL, AFTER SIGNIFICANT RUNOFF PRODUCING STORM EVENTS, OR OTHERWISE ON A WEEKLY BASIS. MAKE REPAIRS AS NECESSARY.

- 2. MAINTAIN A HEALTHY AND VIGOROUS GRASS CONDITION WHENEVER AND WHEREVER POSSIBLE, INCLUDING WATERING AND FERTILISING AS NEEDED.
- 3. ENSURE A MINIMUM GRASS LEAF BLADE LENGTH OF 50mm IS MAINTAINED IN AREAS SUBJECT TO MEDIUM TO HIGH FLOW VELOCITIES, AND 20 TO 50mm IN LOW VELOCITY AREAS.
- 4. MOWING SHOULD NOT BE ATTEMPTED UNTIL THE TURF IS FIRMLY ROOTED, USUALLY 2 TO 3 WEEKS AFTER LAYING.
- 5. CHECK FOR MOVEMENT OF, OR DAMAGE TO, THE TURF LINING.
- 6. CHECK FOR SOIL SCOUR ADJACENT THE CHUTE. INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE OF ANY SCOUR. AND REPAIR AS NECESSARY.
- 7. ENSURE SEDIMENT IS NOT PARTIALLY BLOCKING FLOW ENTRY INTO THE CHUTE. WHERE NECESSARY, REMOVE ANY DEPOSITED MATERIAL TO ALLOW FREE DRAINAGE.
- 8. DISPOSE OF ANY SEDIMENT IN A MANNER THAT WILL NOT CREATE AN EROSION OR POLLUTION HAZARD.
- 9. WHEN MAKING REPAIRS, ALWAYS RESTORE THE CHUTE TO ITS ORIGINAL CONFIGURATION UNLESS AN AMENDED LAYOUT IS REQUIRED.

REMOVAL

- 1. WHEN THE SOIL DISTURBANCE ABOVE THE CHUTE IS FINISHED AND THE AREA IS STABILISED, THE CHUTE AND ANY ASSOCIATED FLOW DIVERSION BANKS SHOULD BE REMOVED, UNLESS IT IS TO REMAIN AS A PERMANENT DRAINAGE FEATURE.
- 2. GRADE THE AREA IN PREPARATION FOR STABILISATION, THEN STABILISE THE AREA AS SPECIFIED IN THE APPROVED PLAN.

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